DEATH NOTE

Special One-Shot

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I'LL TAKE IT, BUT YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING ELSE FOR ME TOO.

I DIDN'T SUCCEED LIKE YOU DID, RYUK. WANT THE NOTEBOOK BACK?

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CHOMP

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TCH! I REMEMBER.

APPLES. SO GOOD.

YUM.

I'LL NEED A REAL CAPABLE ONE LIKE LIGHT YAGAMI IF I WANT TO EAT WELL FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE... AND IT'LL BE MORE ENTERTAINING THAT WAY...

I COULD USE THIS NOTEBOOK TO GET SOME HUMAN TO FEED ME AGAIN.

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I NEED MORE. MORE APPLES.

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PHEW...

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS, RYUK.

I CAME UP OUT OF THE FLOOR, LIKE I PROMISED. I'M A SHINIGAMI WHO KEEPS HIS WORD.

OF COURSE YOU ARE. YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR WORD, WHETHER HUMAN OR DEATH GOD. I WOULDN'T WORK WITH YOU OTHERWISE.

EXACTLY.

Two years ago

FACULTY ROOM

MINORU TANAKA, TOP SCORE ONCE AGAIN.

HE COULD BE THE SMARTEST MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IN ALL OF JAPAN.

VERY IMPRESSIVE. THREE YEARS RUNNING?

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Name: Tanaka, Minoru

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IS IT AN ISSUE OF MOTIVA-TION?

HE'S NOT PUTTING ANY ACTUAL EFFORT INTO HIS GRADES.

BUT... WHY THIS?

Score 28 pts

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ENGLISH, 28 POINTS... I'M SO STUPID. I WISH I COULD HIT MY HEAD ON THE CORNER OF A BLOCK OF TOFU AND DIE.

was not.I was playing

WHAT WAS THAT?!

AAH...

GONK

OW!

THIS IS YOURS NOW.

HUH?

AAAAAH!!
CLUNK
I HEAR YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.
WHA...? I... UH...
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pts
HUH?

HUH?

BUT YOUR TEACHERS AT SCHOOL SAID YOU GOT FIRST PLACE THREE YEARS RUNNING. THAT YOU'RE THE SMARTEST MIDDLE SCHOOLER IN JAPAN.

THREE YEARS RUNNING... TESTS...

NO, NO WAY. FIRST PLACE IN TESTS THREE YEARS RUNNING ...?

I THINK YOU MIGHT BE TALKING ABOUT AN INTELLIGENCE TEST.

...

MAN... I REALLY HATE THAT SCHOOL.

RUSTLE

IT'S LIKE SOME TEST OF SUBCONSCIOUS ABILITY OR SOMETHING? BUT THEY DON'T TELL US THE RESULTS...

HMM?

...

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTUALLY SMART ARE SOLVING PROBLEMS THAT PERTAIN TO THE FUTURE. ANY TEACHER WHO SAYS SCORING HIGH ON AN IQ TEST MAKES YOU SMART IS AN IDIOT.

...

EVEN IF I GOT GOOD SCORES ON THAT TEST...

...ALL IT MEANS IS THAT I WATCH A LOT OF SHOWS ABOUT IQ DIAGNOSTICS AND BRAIN AGE AND THAT I WASTE ALL MY TIME PLAYING IQ TEST APPS ON MY PHONE.

I'M A TERRIBLE STUDENT... BUT I DON'T THINK I'M SO IDIOTIC THAT I'D QUALIFY AS AN IDIOT...

SO... ARE YOU AN IDIOT?

I GUESS I'D SAY I'M GOOD AT RIDDLES AND QUIZZES AND STUFF LIKE THAT.

UH... COULD YOU...

...

MAYBE SOMEONE LIKE THAT IS EXACTLY SUITED FOR THIS...

"SUITED"...? FOR WHAT?

AND WHAT ARE YOU, ANYWAY?

YOU'RE REALLY FREAKY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEE ME.

HUH? NO WAY. AND I CAN'T GET UP RIGHT NOW.

WE SHOULDN'T JUST STAND AROUND TALKING THOUGH. LET'S GO TO YOUR HOUSE.

NO WAY. THAT'S WAY TOO CONVE-NIENT.

I'M SERI-OUS.

BUT... BUT MY ROOM IS MESSY...

...

WHAT ...?! THIS WAS KIRA'S ?!

YOU MEAN **THE** KIRA? THE KIRA WHO ELIMINATED WAR AND GREATLY REDUCED CRIME RATES?

NO WAY!

HEY... YOU'RE SHOUTING.

PEOPLE CAN'T HEAR MY VOICE, BUT THEY CAN STILL HEAR YOURS.

WOW, REALLY? THEY TREAT HIM LIKE ONE OF THE GREATS, HUH?

EVERYONE DOES! HE WAS IN MY ETHICS TEXTBOOK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND WE STUDIED HIM IN WORLD HISTORY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

FOR BEING SO YOUNG, YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT HIM.

OH YEAH? A GOD, HUH?

BUT THERE ARE ALSO LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO SAY KIRA WAS A GOD.

NO, NO. IN ETHICS THEY TAUGHT US THAT KIRA WAS **EVIL.**

AND IN WORLD HISTORY, HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A MASS-MURDERING TERRORIST, THE WORST IN RECENT HISTORY.

BUT HOW DOES A NOTEBOOK LIKE THIS MAKE YOU A GOD...?

SERIOUS-LY?

WHY IS IT IN ENGLISH? I DON'T KNOW ENGLISH.

TRANSLATE IT.

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THE INSTRUC-TIONS ARE ON THE FIRST PAGE. JUST READ THE THING.

DEATH NOTE

How to use it

- The human whose name is written in this note shall die.
  このノートに名前を書かれた人間は死ぬ。
- This note will not take effect unless the writer has the person's face in their mind when writing his/her name. Therefore, people sharing the same name will not be affected.
  書く人物の顔が頭に入っていないと効果はない。
  ゆえに同姓同名の人物に一遍に効果は得られない。
- If the cause of death is written within 40 seconds of writing the person's name, it will happen.
  名前の後に人間界単位で40秒以内に死因を書くとその通りになる。
- If the cause of death is not specified, the person will simply die of a heart attack
  死因を書かなければ全てが心臓麻痺となる。
- After writing the cause of death, details of the death should be written in the next 6 minutes and 40 seconds.
  死因を書くと更に6分40秒 詳しい死の状況を記載する時間が
  与えられる。

I CAN'T BELIEVE ALL OF THIS... BUT I GUESS THIS EXPLAINS HOW HE DID IT...

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THE POLICE AND L WERE TRYING TO ARREST KIRA, RIGHT?

YEAH. IT WAS PRETTY ENTERTAINING.

RYUK, CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHAT KIRA DID?

I'D LIKE TO EAT AN APPLE FIRST.

...

I CAN'T SHARE PERSONAL DETAILS, BUT I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING I REMEMBER.

OOOH!

YOU HAPPEN TO BE VERY LUCKY.

MY MOM'S ON AN APPLE DIET, AND I ALWAYS HAVE ONE A DAY.

CHOMP

CHOMP

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

YEAH. HIS TEST SCORES WERE NUMBER ONE IN THE NATION.

HE MUST'VE BEEN REALLY SMART...

THAT'S WILD... SO KIRA ACTUALLY MADE USE OF THE RULES ABOUT THE NOTE'S POSSESSION AND THE FACT THAT TOUCHING THE DEATH NOTE MAKES PEOPLE SEE YOU, ALL TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE...

FLIP...

HUH?

THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO. A DIFFERENT ERA IN THE HUMAN WORLD.

BUT IF YOU TRIED TO DO THE SAME THING NOW, YOU'D GET CAUGHT.

THERE'S A SECURITY CAMERA ON EVERY STREET CORNER NOW, AND IN EVERY TRAIN CAR. CARS AND BUSES HAVE DASHCAMS.

YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULDN'T KILL THE FBI AGENTS THE SAME WAY...

...

...

...AND THE POLICE HAVE TABS ON ALL CELL PHONE CALLS.

THEY'RE MORE SOPHISTICATED AT INVESTIGATING CYBERCRIMES, SO IF KIRA TRIED TO GET HIS MESSAGE OUT ONLINE, THEY'D TRACK HIM DOWN RIGHT AWAY...

UNTRACEABLE MESSAGES ONLINE ONLY HAPPEN WHEN TV SHOWS AND MOVIES NEED TO WRITE IT THAT WAY TO MAKE THINGS DRAMATIC.

BUT I'M SURE KIRA WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH A WAY TO DO IT THAT STILL WORKS IN THIS DAY AND AGE.

AND CAN YOU DO THAT, MINORU?

HUH?

YOU'RE KIDDING ME. NO WAY I CAN USE THIS DEADLY NOTEBOOK...

THIS SHINIGAMI WANTS ME TO DO THE SAME THINGS THAT KIRA DID?

BUT IF I GIVE IT BACK TO RYUK, WILL HE JUST GIVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE INSTEAD?

KIRA GAVE IT BACK TO RYUK ONCE TOO.

IF I GIVE SOMEONE ELSE THE NOTEBOOK OR RETURN IT TO RYUK, I'LL LOSE OWNERSHIP AND MY MEMORIES OF IT. I CAN FORGET EVERYTHING.

...

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...

WHAT'S THE RIGHT ANSWER...?

A NOTEBOOK THAT CAN ONLY BE USED TO KILL PEOPLE...

I'M THE KIND OF PERSON WHO THINKS AND THINKS UNTIL HE REACHES HIS OWN ANSWER.

HMM? OH...

YOU HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING FOR HOURS. WHAT'S UP?

NO WONDER YOU'RE THE QUIZ KING.

THERE ARE TWO QUESTIONS I HAVE, RYUK.

OH YEAH?

...

FIRST, ARE THERE OTHER HUMANS BESIDES ME WHO CAN SEE YOU?

YEAH.

I SHOULD BE VISIBLE TO THE PEOPLE WHO TOUCHED THE NOTEBOOK WHEN I BROUGHT IT TO THE HUMAN WORLD IN THE PAST.

I THINK SO... FOR PEOPLE WHO POSSESSED THE NOTE BUT THEN LOST POSSESSION, I WON'T BE VISIBLE ANYMORE. BUT THOSE WHO JUST TOUCHED THE BOOK SHOULD STILL BE ABLE TO SEE ME.

YOU'RE SURE?

ONE OTHER QUESTION.

...

"THE HUMAN OWNER OF A DEATH NOTE MUST BE POSSESSED BY A SHINIGAMI."

HOW FAR AWAY CAN YOU ACTUALLY GET FROM THE OWNER?

CAN YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC?

MY POINT IS, THERE'S NO SET DISTANCE.

THAT'S A TRICKY QUESTION. IT'S NOT A FIRM RULE. IT PROBABLY WORKS AS LONG AS I KNOW WHERE YOU ARE...

OR WAIT, I WOULD KNOW EVEN FROM THE SHINIGAMI WORLD. SO I GUESS NOT.

THEN COME UP WITH A NUMBER.

UH... OKAY...

YEAH.

SO BY THE MEASURE-MENTS OF THE HUMAN WORLD, 14 KILO-METERS?

THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY HUMANS AND TO REACH YOU AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.

THE RULE WASN'T CLEAR BEFORE, SO THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ME SETTING IT NOW.

OKAY. I'VE DECIDED.

IN TWO YEARS, I'LL USE THE NOTE-BOOK, AND I CAN PROMISE YOU APPLES EVERY DAY.

I'M GOING TO RETURN THE DEATH NOTE NOW. COME BACK IN TWO YEARS.

ALL RIGHT... FINE.

I'LL WAIT.

IF YOU CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG, GIVE THE NOTEBOOK TO SOMEONE ELSE.

HUH?

I HAVE TO BE IN APPLE WITH-DRAWAL FOR TWO YEARS?

IN THAT CASE, I ABANDON MY OWNER-SHIP OF THIS NOTE-BOOK AND RETURN IT TO YOU, RYUK.

Present day

THAT'S HOW IT WENT.

YEAH.

I WENT WITHOUT APPLES FOR TWO YEARS.

YEP... I CAN GO WITH THE PLAN I THOUGHT OF TWO YEARS AGO.

PLAN?

YES. JUST AS I PLANNED, I'M GOING TO SELL THE DEATH NOTE.

SELL?!

...YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID TWO YEARS AGO THAT EVERYTHING ON THE NET COULD BE TRACKED.

TH-THAT SOUNDS FUN, BUT...

I'M GOING TO PUT IT UP FOR AUCTION ONLINE.

THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU **HOW FAR AWAY** YOU COULD BE FROM ME.

HUH?

I'M NOT GOING TO USE THE NET.

HUH? WHAT?!

JAPANESE, THEN. USE A PEN AND PAPER FROM THE TV STATION.

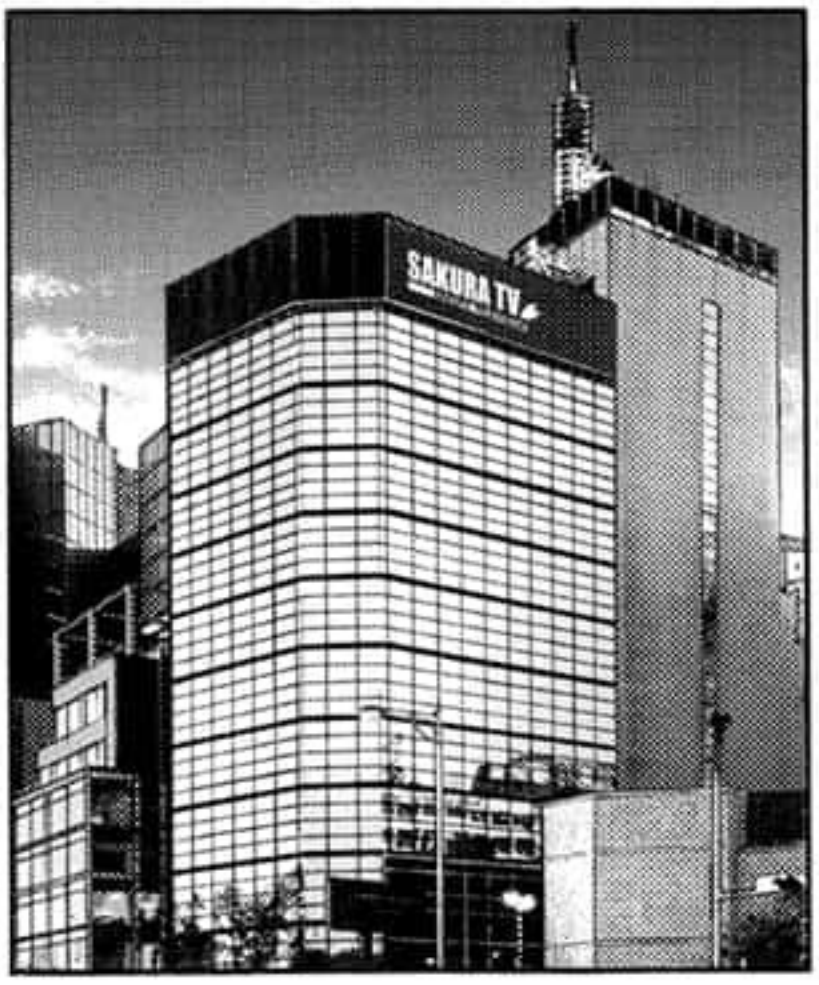
AND THEN, IN ENGLISH... NO WAIT, THEN I CAN'T READ IT.

HUH?

IT WAS 14 KM, YOU SAID.

WELL, SAKURA TV IS 11 KM FROM HERE. I'M GOING TO HAVE YOU GO THERE.

GOOD EVENING.
THIS IS NEWS X.
TONIGHT'S LEADING
STORY...



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THE POWER TO REMOTELY
KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY
KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION
IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE
HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER
AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT
IN AMERICAN DOLLARS

HUH?

WHAT ...

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WHAT IS THAT?

DOES THAT MEAN THE KIRA?

IS THIS AN ON-AIR SCREW-UP?

SAKURA TV AGAIN... FIGURES.

PUTTING THE POWER OF KIRA UP FOR AUCTION?

WHAT IS THIS?

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THIS.

JUST A MOMENT, FOLKS.

WHAT IS THAT CUE CARD DOING?!

IT'S REFERRING TO KIRA'S POWER TO KILL PEOPLE FROM A DISTANCE...

TH- THIS PAPER IS FLOATING UNSUPPORTED...

TO REMOTELY
AS USED BY
UP FOR AUCTION.
BUY IT, USE THE
FKIRA ON TWITTER
OUR BID AMOUNT
N DOLLARS.

DON'T TOUCH IT! JUST EXPLAIN THE SITUATION.

WE TAKE NO RESPONSI-BILITY FOR THE CONTENT OF THE MESSAGE YOU'RE SEEING ON-SCREEN...
THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.
WE ASSURE YOU, SAKURA TV HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.

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THUNK

R-RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.

YOU MEAN SOMEONE WHO GOT IT FROM RYUK.

KCHAK

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, RYUK IS TRYING TO SELL THE DEATH NOTE.

I... I HOPE IT'S JUST A JOKE...

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THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.

IT'S BEEN ABOUT 30 SECONDS NOW.

FLIP

THE POWER TO REMOTELY KILL PEOPLE AS USED BY KIRA IS BEING PUT UP FOR AUCTION. IF YOU WANT TO BUY IT, USE THE HASHTAG #POWEROFKIRA ON TWITTER AND INDICATE YOUR BID AMOUNT IN AMERICAN DOLLARS.

SWISH...

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THAT'S IN POOR TASTE FOR THE EVENING NEWS, EVEN FOR SAKURA TV.

THAT THING ABOUT SELLING KIRA'S POWER ISN'T REAL, RIGHT?

The next day

SOME PEOPLE THINK THIS IS REAL!

TH-THREE...?! THAT'S... THAT'S OVER 300 MILLION YEN!

THAT'S CRAZY!

IF IT'S REALLY KIRA'S POWER, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IS A CHEAP PRICE. YOU COULD CONTROL THE WHOLE WORLD.

HEY, CHECK IT OUT.

IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN A DAY, AND PEOPLE ARE BIDDING THREE MILLION DOLLARS ONLINE.

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...COMING OUT OF JAPAN RIGHT NOW...

L, THERE'S SOME NEWS ABOUT KIRA...

WHAT'S THIS...?

I'M TRYING TO CREATE A FACIAL-RECOGNITION SYSTEM FOR SHINIGAMI, THOUGH I'M SURE THE BARRIERS ARE VERY HIGH.

IT'S A REPLICA OF A SHINIGAMI.

LET'S CALL WHOEVER'S PUTTING THE MURDER NOTEBOOK UP FOR AUCTION, "A-KIRA."

...

WHICH IS WHY I SAID THE BARRIERS ARE HIGH.

I THOUGHT ONLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE TOUCHED THE NOTEBOOK COULD SEE SHINIGAMI.

SENDING THE SHINIGAMI TO THE TV STATION, NOT ACTUALLY USING THE INTERNET... A-KIRA IS VERY CAUTIOUS.

YES. I COULD SEE THE SHINIGAMI.

SO IT'S TRUE, THEN?

WHAT WE WANT IS SECURITY FOOTAGE OF A-KIRA AND THE SHINIGAMI TOGETHER.

ESPECIALLY IF THE MURDER NOTEBOOK IS BEING HANDED OVER.

FOLLOWING THE SHINIGAMI WILL BE THE WAY TO FIND A-KIRA.

ALL THE CAMERAS IN JAPAN? SO YOU THINK A-KIRA IS IN JAPAN?

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HOWEVER, IT'S ESSENTIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND THAT FOOTAGE FROM ALL OF THE CAMERAS IN JAPAN ONLY USING THE HELP OF PEOPLE WHO CAN SEE SHINIGAMI.

I THINK WE CAN ASSUME THAT THEY'RE BOTH IN JAPAN, FOR NOW.

BASED ON THE PAST KIRA INCIDENT, WE CAN SURMISE THAT A SHINIGAMI CAN'T BE FAR FROM THE OWNER OF THE NOTEBOOK.

ASSUMING WE EVEN FIND A-KIRA, ARE YOU CERTAIN YOU CAN CHARGE THEM WITH A CRIME?

CATCH?

POP

I'LL ARRANGE A TICKET TO JAPAN AT ONCE. WE HAVE TO CATCH THIS GUY...

I WOULD ASSUME THAT KILLING SOMEONE WITH THE NOTEBOOK IS A CRIME, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE SELLING ONE WOULD BE.

IN THE PAST, I CALLED THE NOTEBOOK THE WORST MURDER WEAPON IN HUMAN HISTORY. BUT WEAPONS OF MASS MURDER ARE TRADED AROUND THE WORLD EVERY DAY.

IF YOU WANT TO SEIZE THE NOTEBOOK, I WOULD RECOMMEND FINDING THE PERSON WHO WON IT, ONCE THE AUCTION IS OVER.

BUT... THAT NOTE-BOOK IS...

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THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO TRACK DOWN A-KIRA, L?

...

A-KIRA IS EXTREMELY SMART.

GRP

I HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET THEM.

GRP

...

IF YOU WISH TO HELP, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. AIZAWA TO HAVE YESTERDAY'S INTERIOR SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM SAKURA TV SENT OVER.

...

GOT IT.

GOOD TO SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE OLD SPK DAYS, MR. RESTER. WE'VE JUST FINISHED CHECKING OUT THE CAMERA FOOTAGE FROM SAKURA TV AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WHAT DID THE SHINIGAMI DO?

WELL, AFTER THROWING AWAY THE SHEET OF PAPER WITH THE MESSAGE ON IT, IT PASSED THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND-FLOOR STUDIO, THEN THE FIRST FLOOR, THEN THE BASEMENT PARKING LOT...

THE SHINIGAMI PASSED UNDER-GROUND AND DID NOT SHOW UP ON THE SAKURA TV SECURITY FOOTAGE AFTER THAT...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

...

...THEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

IF THE SHINIGAMI IS TRAVELING BETWEEN THE TV STATION AND A-KIRA UNDER-GROUND...

LET'S NOT MAKE THIS AFTER ALL.

EVEN IF I COULD MAKE A SHINIGAMI RECOGNITION SYSTEM, IT'D BE POINTLESS.

IF THE SHINIGAMI APPEARS ON ANY CAMERA FOOTAGE ASIDE FROM THE TV STUDIO...

PLINK

CLUNK

BOOM

CLICK

BINK

...IT WILL BE WHEN HE'S HANDING OVER THE MURDER NOTEBOOK TO THE BUYER.

...

IT'S A VERY WELL-CONSTRUCTED PLAN.

BUT... AT THAT MOMENT, A-KIRA WILL HAVE PARTED WAYS WITH THE NOTEBOOK, AND WE CAN PRESUME THAT ANY MEMORY OF ALL OF THIS WILL BE GONE.

IF WE WANT TO CATCH THEM **AS A-KIRA,** IT MUST BE AT THE MOMENT BETWEEN GETTING THE MONEY AND LETTING GO OF THE NOTE-BOOK.

SO YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S ALMOST NO CHANCE WE CATCH THEM?

L...

AND IN FACT, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL LIKE THIS WAS PLANNED THOROUGHLY ENOUGH THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT THE MONEY CHANGING HANDS...

I THINK IT WOULD BE EASIER TO FIGURE IT OUT BY DETECTING WHOEVER GETS THE MONEY AFTER THE AUCTION IS COMPLETE, BUT I FEEL LIKE THAT WOULD BE ADMIT-TING DEFEAT, IN A WAY.

WELL, ULTIMATELY, WE ONLY NEED TO TRACK DOWN WHOEVER WINS THE NOTEBOOK.

LET'S SIT BACK AND WATCH FOR NOW.

SEEMS LIKE IT'S GOING WELL.

YEAH. IT'S UP TO NEARLY TEN BILLION YEN NOW.

I'M TRYING NOT TO PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO IT.

IT'S GOING SO WELL IT'S KIND OF SCARY.

I DIDN'T DECIDE ON A DEAD-LINE.

AND I CAN KEEP GIVING YOU APPLES FOR A BIT AFTER I GET THE MONEY.

CHOMP

WHEN DOES THE BIDDING END, ANYWAY? AND WILL I STOP GETTING APPLES?

ONLY FOR A BIT ...?

CHOMP

...

ONE WEEK LEFT UNTIL
THE END OF THE AUCTION
IT MAY END PREMATURELY AS WELL
YOU WILL BE INFORMED IF THAT HAPPENS
THIS TRANSACTION WILL BE FINAL
NO COMPLAINTS, NO RETURNS

I'LL READ IT NOW! "ONE WEEK LEFT UNTIL THE END OF THE AUCTION"!

HE SAID TO HOLD IT FOR 30 SEC-ONDS.

IT'S EVEN ON THE SAME PEN AND PAPER FROM OUR STATION LIKE BEFORE!

DRAG THIS MESSAGE OUT FOR 30 MINUTES!

HERE WE GO! WE GOT THE NUM-BERS!

STOMP
HEY! STOP!
WE'RE LIVE!

STUPID MATSUDA... YOUR ORDERS WERE TO FOLLOW THE SHINIGAMI AS FAR AS YOU CAN IF IT SHOWS UP!

HEY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

ONE WEEK LEFT UNTIL THE END OF THE AUCTION
IT MAY END PREMATURELY AS WELL
YOU WILL BE INFORMED IF THAT HAPPENS
THIS TRANSACTION WILL BE FINAL
NO COMPLAINTS, NO RETURNS

POLICE! DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT TRYING TO BUY KIRA'S POWER!

WHOOSH

THAT'S RIGHT. AND THE POWER OF KIRA IS A TERRIFYING THING INDEED...

H-HEY, AREN'T YOU THE GUY FROM A FEW YEARS AGO WHO APPEARED ON OUR SHOW AND CLAIMED TO KNOW WHO KIRA WAS...?

ALL HE'S DONE IS MAKE IT SEEM EVEN MORE BELIEV-ABLE...

WELL, AT LEAST HE SEEMS TO BE KEEPING HIMSELF BUSY...IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.

BY MATSUDA'S STANDARDS, THAT'S A GOOD EXPLANA-TION...

...

IT'S TRUE, I SWEAR! IT'S LIKE A VOODOO DOLL THAT CURSES PEOPLE TO DEATH, IF YOU HAVE THEIR PICTURE AND NAME ...

WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?!

AT ANY RATE! MATSUDA, YOU ARE NOW ON DESK DUTY FOR THE TIME BEING TO KEEP YOU AWAY FROM THE MEDIA!

EVEN IF IT'S TRUE, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERN-MENT CAN PURCHASE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!

The next day

WOW! AFTER TOUTA MATSUDA WENT ON TV YESTER-DAY, IT'S UP TO 200 BILLION DOLLARS! THAT'S OVER 20 TRILLION YEN.

THAT'S NOT PERSONAL MONEY ANYMORE. EVEN THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD ONLY HAS 130 BILLION, I THINK.

WHICH MEANS...

IT'S A GROUP, OR IN THIS CASE, PROBABLY A NATION. SOME GOVERNMENT'S HAVING A PROXY BID FOR THEM.

IF THEY WIN THE AUCTION, THEY'D BECOME AN INTERNATION-ALLY DOMINANT POWER.

I'D SAY THAT'S WORTH 100 TRILLION YEN.

WHOA!

...

I SEE. NO KIDDING.

WHOA, 280 BILLION! THAT ACCOUNT LOOKS CHINESE.

DANG! IT JUST WENT TO 300 BILLION DOLLARS NOW!

SERIOUS-LY?

WELL... I FIGURED IT WOULD GET TO THE POINT OF BEING A NATIONAL COMPETI-TION...

THUNK

IT'S JUST A RACE BETWEEN THESE TWO PEOPLE NOW. I WISH YOU COULD IGNORE ALL THE STUPID TWEETS FROM PEOPLE WHO AREN'T BIDDING.

DON'T BOTHER WITH TWITTER PUT YOUR GOVERNMENT REPS INTO THE MEDIA TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOW MUCH YOU WILL PAY TO BUY IT

NOW THIS IS GETTING INTEREST-ING.

GRIP

IF TRUE, WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY OTHER NATION TO GET THEIR HANDS ON IT.

IN 2005, THE FBI DIRECTOR AND A BOY NAMED NEAR TESTIFIED TO THE PRESIDENT THAT KIRA'S POWER WAS A NOTEBOOK THAT WOULD KILL A PERSON IF YOU WROTE THEIR NAME IN IT.

MR. PRESIDENT.

LIVE

THE UNITED STATES WILL BUY THE POWER OF KIRA FOR 500 BILLION DOLLARS.

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NEWS FRONT DOOR

PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

POWER OF KIRA AUCTION HEATS UP WORLDWIDE

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL BUY KIRA'S POWER FOR A TRILLION DOLLARS AND PROMISES TO USE IT FOR PEACEFUL ENDS.

IS HE SERIOUS?!

AT 100 YEN PER DOLLAR, THAT'S 100 TRILLION YEN!

A TRILLION DOLLARS?!

WE'LL BUY IT FOR TWO TRILLION, AND NEVER USE IT! FOR WORLD PEACE!

ANY WORLD LEADER BIDDING MUST NAME A PRICE ONLY NO OTHER NONSENSE

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HOLD A SUMMIT OF WORLD LEADERS TO ENSURE NO COUNTRY BUYS IT?

MR. PRIME MINISTER!

THIS IS GETTING PRETTY INCRE-DIBLE.

AND WHATEVER COUNTRY SAYS "DON'T BUY IT" WILL BE THE FIRST TO TURN AROUND AND TRY...

LET'S NOT KID OURSELVES WITH IDEALISTIC STATEMENTS. WE ALL KNOW SOME GOVERNMENT IS GOING TO END UP WITH IT.

The next day

12:15

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WE'VE PASSED THE QUADRIL-LION-YEN MARK!

OH YEAH. THERE'S THE WHOLE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP. ESPECIALLY IF THEY GET KIRA'S POWER...

BUT THEN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKELY RETURN THE MONEY TO WHOEVER WINS IT. ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THE AMERICANS.

MAYBE WE COULD GET KIRA TO PAY OFF THE WHOLE THING.

A QUADRIL-LION YEN EQUALS JAPAN'S NATIONAL DEBT, RIGHT?

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I DON'T GET IT.

PLUS, JAPAN IS THE MOST INDEBTED NATION IN THE WORLD, BUT IT ALSO HOLDS THE MOST ASSETS.

JUST GOOGLE IT YOURSELF.

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WELL, IF THE SELLER IS JAPANESE AND THEY PAY TAX ON THE INCOME, THAT ALONE WOULD REALLY GREASE THE NATIONAL GEARS...

GOOD POINT... YEAH RIGHT, THEY'RE NOT GONNA PAY THAT!

Ha ha ha!

ONCE I'VE CONFIRMED THE MONEY IS IN, I'M DISCARDING OWNERSHIP OF THE NOTEBOOK. I NEED YOU TO DELIVER IT TO THE BUYER.

RYUK, I'M ENDING THE AUCTION TOMOR-ROW.

OH!

YEAH, I KNOW.

I WAS HOPING TO GET SOME MORE APPLES TO EAT, BUT I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THIS WHOLE THING TOO.

CHOMP

EVEN WITH AN ANONY-MOUS ACCOUNT, ATTEMPT-ING TO WITH-DRAW IT WOULD LEAVE A TRAIL.

WELL, A-KIRA?

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO GET THAT MONEY...?

BUT... HOW DOES A-KIRA EXPECT TO ACTUALLY RECEIVE A QUADRILLION YEN?

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PAY OR RECEIVE THAT AMOUNT IN BILLS. IT'LL HAVE TO BE AN ONLINE TRANSACTION.

ONLINE BANKING...? TO AN INDIVIDUAL BANK ACCOUNT? WOULDN'T THAT IDENTIFY A-KIRA?

YES, IT WOULD.

THEY DIDN'T DO THAT, BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO KILL OTHERS TO GET MONEY.

IF MONEY WAS THE POINT, THERE WAS NO NEED TO HOLD THIS AUCTION. THERE ARE A MILLION WAYS TO CONTROL OTHERS' ACTIONS TO GAIN MONEY.

I KNOW THAT THE NOTEBOOK CAN MANIPULATE A PERSON'S ACTIONS FOR 23 DAYS, BUT THEY WON'T MANIPULATE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE THE MONEY.

...THEN YOU THINK OF HOW BEST TO DISPOSE OF IT.

IF YOU DON'T WANT THE NOTEBOOK...

...THERE IS NO POINT TO POSSESSING THE MURDER NOTEBOOK.

ASSUMING A-KIRA DOESN'T WANT TO COMMIT MURDER...

THE ANSWER-- A VERY THOROUGHLY PLANNED AUCTION.

ALL OF THESE POINTS LINE UP...

GIVEN HOW CAUTIOUS A-KIRA HAS BEEN, I CAN'T IMAGINE THEY'RE JUST TESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH KIRA'S POWER WOULD GO FOR.

NO, A-KIRA IS SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.

SO I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THERE IS AN EQUALLY CAREFUL PLAN FOR HOW TO RECEIVE THE MONEY...

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DON'T ASK ME. I'M JUST THE MESSENGER.

HEE HEE HEE!

THE SHINIGAMI KING IS CALLING.

YOU HAVE TO GO BACK AS SOON AS YOU'RE ABLE TO LEAVE THE SIDE OF YOUR HUMAN.

KIRA'S POWER HAS BEEN SOLD TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR 100000000000000 AMERICAN DOLLARS
THE METHOD OF TRANSFERRING THIS AMOUNT WILL BE REVEALED IN 24 HOURS

China

TO THE AMERICANS ...?!

YES, UNFORTU-NATELY...

IT ONLY MAKES SENSE. JAPAN WOULD PREFER AMERICA OVER CHINA.

THERE WAS NOTHING WE COULD DO.

THE AMERICANS WILL HAVE THE DEATH NOTE...

ON OUR OWN?

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT...?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT, DO IT ON YOUR OWN, PLEASE.

FOLLOWING OUR PLAN WOULD MEAN TRYING TO SEIZE THE NOTEBOOK FROM OUR OWN GOVERNMENT.

...I LIVE IN AMERICA NOW.

BECAUSE ...

WHEN THE ENTIRE WORLD KNOWS ABOUT IT, THAT MAKES IT MUCH HARDER TO JUST OUTRIGHT USE THE NOTEBOOK.

WELL, EVEN THE ORIGINAL L WAS LIKE THAT...

YOU GOT MEAN, L...

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THIS COULD BE OUR FINAL CHANCE TO GET THE NOTEBOOK AND A-KIRA.

GOOD POINT.

BESIDES, ISN'T THE MORE PRESS-ING ISSUE AT THE MOMENT HOW A-KIRA WILL HANDLE THE TRANSAC-TION?

KIRA

THEY PROBABLY THOUGHT THAT THREE DAYS WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE PANIC TO SUBSIDE.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS WOULD BE 6 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 24, IN JAPAN TIME...

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT IT MEANS THAT THE MONEY'S BEING HANDED OVER TOMOR-ROW?

BUT IF THEY WANT THE MONEY DEPOSITED IN A JAPANESE BANK... IT'S LIKE THEY'RE ASKING TO GET CAUGHT...

OH! THE BANKS! THEY CLOSE AT THREE ON FRIDAY AND DON'T OPEN OVER THE WEEKEND!

IF A-KIRA'S BEEN PLANNING THIS OUT FROM THE START, THEY'RE ACTUALLY PHENOM-ENALLY SMART.

IT'S ONE QUADRIL-LION JAPANESE YEN...

THE LIFETIME EARNING POTENTIAL OF THE AVERAGE JAPANESE IS 300 MILLION AT BEST...

The next day

THE MONEY FROM THE WINNING BID SHOULD BE DEPOSITED BY MAY 27 OF THIS YEAR IN EQUAL AMOUNTS TO EVERY PERSON WITH A YOTSUBA BANK OF JAPAN SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND REGISTERED RESIDENCE IN TOKYO AGED 60 AND UNDER AS OF THE DATE OF MAY 24, 2019

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EVEN IF IT WAS A MILLION PEOPLE, SPLITTING A QUADRILLION YEN BETWEEN THEM MEANS...

AND WHY 60 AND UNDER?!

HOW MANY THOU-SANDS OF PEOPLE HAVE THOSE ACCOUNTS ?!

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ONE BILLION YEN PER PERSON?!?!

*About ten million dollars

WE'RE FILTHY RICH NOW!

WHA--

OH MY GOODNESS! THIS IS UNBELIEV-ABLE, WHAT'S JUST HAPPENED!

OPEN UP! I NEED TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT RIGHT NOW!

LONG LIVE KIRA!

HOORAY FOR KIRA! KIRA IS OUR GOD!

ヨツバ銀行
YOTSUBA BANK

GIMME MY BILLION YEN!

OPEN YOUR DOORS, YOTSUBA!

IT SAID 60 AND UNDER, SO I JUST BARELY QUALIFY!

LIMITING THE AGE DOES INCREASE A-KIRA'S SHARE, BUT IT ALSO NARROWS DOWN THE POSSIBLE TARGETS.

THE 60 AND UNDER DETAIL IS AN INTRIGUING ONE. OF COURSE, I DID ASSUME THAT A-KIRA WAS A YOUNG PERSON.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BECOMING L, I MUST ADMIT DEFEAT.

EVEN STILL, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH THOSE ACCOUNTS.

IT'S BASICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO FIND A-KIRA AT THIS POINT.

AND ONCE THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED, EVEN A-KIRA WILL NOT REMEMBER EVER BEING A-KIRA.

ALL HAIL KIRA, GOD OF JAPAN!

WHOA!

MY MONEY'S THERE!

Balance

Deposit

Previous Balance 3,805¥

Deposit Amount 1,027,939,840¥

Savings Balance

1,027,943,645¥

Monday, May 27

A PAYMENT TO YOTSUBA BANK OF TEN TRILLION DOLLARS HAS BEEN MADE FROM AMERICA, AND NOW CUSTOMERS ARE STORMING THE BANK BRANCHES.

ヨツバ銀行
YOTSUBA BANK

WHAM WHAM WHAM

EXISTING CUSTOM-ERS HAVE PRIORITY!!

DON'T PULL ON ME!

LET ME OPEN AN ACCOUNT!!

OPEN UP!

TO AVOID CHAOS, YOTSUBA BANK IS PRESENTLY FORGOING THEIR USUAL TELLER SERVICE...

MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE YOTSUBA BANK WEBSITE...

THE BANK ANNOUNCED THAT CUSTOMERS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO WITHDRAW THEIR SAVINGS AMOUNT PRIOR TO THE 24TH AT THIS TIME, UP TO A TOTAL OF 100,000 YEN PER DAY.

SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO ACCESS IT FOR LIKE A MONTH.

BUT THEY DID PAY UP.

GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE NOTEBOOK TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

OKAY.

I'M GOING TO FORGET ALL OF THIS AND LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.

ONCE I'VE DISCARDED POSSESSION OF THE NOTEBOOK, DON'T EVER SHOW UP AROUND ME AGAIN, FOR ANY REASON.

YEP, WE'RE ALL DONE. THANKS.

IS THAT EVERY-THING, THEN?

MAN... I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HATED ME SO MUCH.

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS DANGER-OUS THING.

THAT WAS A FUN TIME, MINORU.

YOU MANAGED TO USE THE DEATH NOTE WITHOUT EVEN WRITING IN IT.

SURE THING.

I'M GIVING IT UP NOW.

Oval Office, White House

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I ACTUALLY GOT YELLED AT BY THE SHINIGAMI KING BEFORE I CAME HERE...

HE SAID, "HOW COULD YOU LET HIM SELL THE DEATH NOTE IN THE HUMAN WORLD?!"

will die

A HUMAN WHO BUYS OR SELLS THE DEATH NOTE IN THE HUMAN WORLD WILL DIE. THE SELLER WILL DIE WHEN THEY RECEIVE THE MONEY, AND THE BUYER WILL DIE WHEN THEY RECEIVE THE DEATH NOTE.

SO THERE'S BEEN A NEW RULE ADDED.

WHAT...?!

SO YOU PAID ALL THAT MONEY, JUST TO DIE...

YEAH, I KNOW. IT'S A BRAND-NEW RULE.

THAT... THAT'S CRAZY...

...

BUT AT THIS POINT, YOU AREN'T GETTING ANY OF YOUR MONEY BACK.

R-REALLY?!

BUT IF YOU REFUSE TO TAKE THE NOTEBOOK, I'LL TREAT IT AS IF YOU DIDN'T BUY IT.

SO WHAT'S THE PLAN?

SO **SOMEONE** HIGH AND MIGHTY IN THIS COUNTRY WILL GET IT, RIGHT? YOU'LL DIE, BUT IT'LL BELONG TO YOUR NATION.

NOW, IF YOU TAKE THE NOTEBOOK, YOU'LL DIE, BUT IT WILL REMAIN HERE.

GOT IT. YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE OVER YOUR COUNTRY.

I'M NOT TAKING IT...

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BUT I'M GOING TO ANNOUNCE THAT I'VE GAINED THE POWER OF KIRA ANYWAY.

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VERY SHREWD, MR. PRESIDENT.

I'VE GOT IT, BUT I REFUSE TO USE IT... IT'LL MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A SAINT.

MINORU DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW RULE...

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

SO...

YEAH... HE DID SAY THAT...

DON'T EVER SHOW UP AROUND ME AGAIN, FOR ANY REASON.

YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR WORD, WHETHER HUMAN OR DEATH GOD.

THUMP

ヨツバ銀行
YOTSUBA BANK

I BOUGHT AN APART-MENT!

A HOUSE AND THREE CARS, ALL IN CASH.

CHEERS!

A TOAST TO KIRA, A GOD AMONG MEN!

One month later, Japan's economy was booming, especially around the capital. They called it the Reiwa Bubble or the Kira Bubble.

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ARE
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HUH?

Light Yagami

Minoru Tanaka

I GUESS IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU DO IT-- ANY HUMAN WHO USES THE DEATH NOTE MEETS AN UNFORTUNATE END.

WHAT A SHAME. HIS PLAN WAS PERFECT.

ISN'T THERE ANYONE WHO WILL USE THIS THING FOR A BIT LONGER THAN THAT?

AWW...

The End